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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q78803

Hiroshi ITO, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/729,382

Group Art Unit: 2852

Confirmation No.: 8151

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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL
APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(B) - FILING DATE GRANTED**

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Sir:

In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b) - Filing Date Granted," mailed August 27, 2004 for the above application, Applicant respectfully submits herewith a copy of the Declaration and Assignment with Form PTO 1595 for the above identified application properly executed by the inventors. Also enclosed please find a Petition for Extension of Time, Submission of Formal Drawings and Priority Documents.

Since the two-month due date for filing the response to the Notice of Missing Parts fell on Saturday, November 27, 2004, the filing of this response on Monday, November 29, 2004 is considered timely.

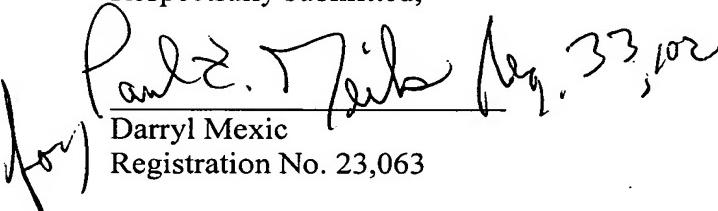
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The Office is hereby directed and authorized to charge the statutory filing fee of \$1404.00 (\$790 basic filing fee + \$130 declaration surcharge + \$88 excess independent claims fee + \$396 excess claims fee) and Recordation of Assignment fee of \$40.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16, 1.17 and 1.492 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

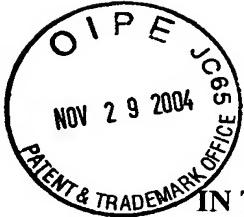
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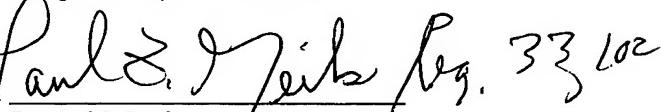
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Sir:

Submitted herewith please find fifteen (15) sheets of replacement drawings in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84. The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of these drawings.

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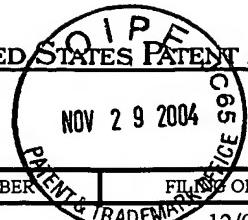
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02 FC:1202	396.00 DA
03 FC:1201	88.00 DA
04 FC:1051	130.00 DA

Filing Date GrantedItems Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 770 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
 - The drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwriting, interlineations, folds, and copy marks. See Figure(s) 3,14,20A,20B,21A,21B.
 - The drawing figures contain text that is not in English (including, for example, a flow chart that was originally not in English that has been marked up to include the English text) (see 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) and 37 CFR 1.52(d)(1)). See Figure(s) 3,14,20A-21B.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Additional claim fees of **\$482** as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$1382** for a Large Entity

- **\$770** Statutory basic filing fee.
- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is **\$482**
 - **\$86** for 1 independent claims over 3.
 - **\$396** for 22 total claims over 20.

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A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

Ted.

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